

**In the Claims:**

1. (currently amended) A catch assembly for securing first and second members, the first and second members being movable relative to each other between open and locked positions, and being separated from each other by a narrow space when in the locked position, the assembly comprising:

first and second flexible catch members ~~attachable~~ being attached to the first and second members respectively, said first and second catch members being located in the narrow space between the first and second members,

wherein said first and second catch members ~~each comprising a~~ comprise an L-shaped shaft having a generally rectangular base and a generally rectangular height, said base having a free base end and an attached base end and said height having a free height end and an attached height end, said attached base end joined to said attached height end forming an “L” shape, said free height end terminating in a projection, the height of the first catch member being generally parallel to the height of the second catch member and to the first and second members in the locked position, wherein when the first and second catch members are in a locked position, said projection of the first catch member engages said projection of the second catch member and said projection of the second catch member engages said projection of the first catch member, ~~[[and,]]~~ wherein said catch members are flexible in response to the insertion of ~~[[when]]~~ a prying member ~~is inserted~~ into the narrow space between either of the first and second members and one of said shafts to attempt to pry the first and second members to the open position and for affecting an increase in ~~[[,]]~~ the narrow space between said first and second members and

the shaft of said catch members, increases and for flexing said projections ~~[[flex]]~~

towards each other for enhancing the engagement of said projections in response to the insertion of the prying member,

wherein at least one of said first and second members slides relative to the other of said members and relative to said catch assembly, wherein each of the first member and the second member is selected from the group consisting of a sliding door, a sliding window, a sliding grille, a drawer, a hinged door, a hinged window and a hinged grille, and

~~[[the]]~~ each shaft of said catch members is ~~capable of moving~~ moveable through at least 25° from a rest position during flexing.

2. (currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The catch assembly according to claim 1, wherein the shaft of each catch member ~~flexes~~ can flex away from the ~~member attached to said~~ shaft of the opposing catch member as the catch members are moved apart.

3. (currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The catch assembly according to claim 1, wherein the catch members comprise a material selected from the group consisting of metal ~~[[or]]~~ and plastics.

4. (currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The catch assembly according to claim 3, wherein the catch members comprise at least one material selected from the group of materials consisting of UPVC, aluminum, iron ~~[[or]]~~ and stainless steel.

5. (currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The catch assembly according to claim 1, wherein the shaft of each catch member moves angularly as it flexes.

6. (currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The catch assembly according to claim 1, wherein the shaft

of each catch member flexes can flex such that the angle at the corner of ~~[[the]]~~ each L-shaped shaft is varied as the catch members are moved apart or ~~together~~ towards each other.

7. (currently amended) ~~A sliding member~~ The catch assembly according to claim 1, comprising at least two first catch members located on opposing sides of the first member.

8. (original) A hinged member assembly, comprising first and second members wherein the first member is a hinged member and is securable in a closed position to the second member, the assembly further comprising a catch assembly for securing the first and second members together, wherein the catch assembly is a catch assembly according to claim 1.

9. (currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The hinged member assembly according to claim 8, wherein the first member is a hinged door, hinged window or hinged grille.

10. (currently amended) A catch assembly for securing first and second members, the first and second members being movable relative to each other between open and locked positions, and being separated from each other by a narrow space when in the locked position, the assembly comprising:

first and second catch flexible members ~~attachable~~ being attached to the first and second members respectively, said first and second catch members being located in the narrow space between the first and second members,

wherein said first and second catch members ~~each comprising a~~ comprise an L-shaped shaft having a generally rectangular base and a generally rectangular height, said

base having a free base end and an attached base end and said height having a free height end and an attached height end, said attached base end joined to said attached height end forming an “L” shape, said free height end terminating in a projection, the height of the first catch member being generally parallel to the height of the second catch member and to the first and second members in the locked position, wherein when the first and second catch members are in a locked position, said projection of the first catch member engages said projection of the second catch member and said projection of the second catch member engages said projection of the first catch member, [[and,]] wherein said catch members are moveable in response to the insertion of [[when]] a prying member is inserted into the narrow space between either of the first and second members and one of said shafts to attempt to pry the first and second members to the open position and for affecting an increase in[[,]] the narrow space between said first and second members and the shaft of said catch members, increases and for flexing said projections [[flex]] towards each other for enhancing the engagement of said projections in response to the insertion of the prying member, further comprising at least two catch members arranged along a whole length of at least one of the first and second members, wherein at least one catch member is orientated in a first orientation, and at least one other catch member is oriented in a second orientation.

11. (currently amended) [[A]] The catch assembly according to claim 10, wherein the first orientation is substantially opposite to the second orientation.

12. (currently amended) [[A]] The catch assembly according to claim 10, comprising at least four catch members wherein at least two catch members are oriented in a first

orientation and at least two catch members are oriented in a second orientation wherein the catch members of the first orientation are alternately arranged with the catches of the second orientation.

13. (currently amended) A catch assembly for securing first and second members, the first and second members being movable relative to each other between open and locked positions, and being separated from each other by a narrow space when in the locked position, the assembly comprising:

first and second flexible catch members ~~attachable~~ being attached to the first and second members respectively, said first and second catch members being located in the narrow space between the first and second members,

wherein said first and second catch members ~~each comprising a~~ comprise an L-shaped shaft having a generally rectangular base and a generally rectangular height, said base having a free base end and an attached base end and said height having a free height end and an attached height end, said attached base end joined to said attached height end forming an “L” shape, said free height end terminating in a projection, the height of the first catch member being generally parallel to the height of the second catch member and to the first and second members in the locked position, wherein when the first and second catch members are in a locked position, said projection of the first catch member engages said projection of the second catch member and said projection of the second catch member engages said projection of the first catch member, ~~[[and,]]~~ wherein said catch members are moveable in response to the insertion of ~~[[when]]~~ a prying member is inserted into the narrow space between either of the first and second members and one of

said shafts to attempt to pry the first and second members to the open position, and for flexing said projections ~~[[flex]]~~ towards each other for enhancing the engagement of said projections in response to the insertion of the prying member, further comprising a lock member wherein the lock member is configured to move the first and second catch members into a locked position.

14. (currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The catch assembly according to claim 13, wherein movement of the lock member affects movement of at least one of said first and second catch members.

15. (currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The catch assembly according to claim 13, wherein movement of the lock member affects movement of at least one of said first and second members and at least one of said first and second catch members.

16. (currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The catch assembly according to claim 1, wherein said catch members are constructed of a material having an elastic limit ~~and when~~ for preventing the catch members from returning to their original position and for preventing the movability of the members relative to each other when the catch members are moved far enough to cause the catch members to exceed the elastic limit, ~~the catch members do not return to their original position, preventing the movability of the members relative to each other.~~

17. (currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The catch assembly according to claim 10, wherein said catch members are constructed of a material having an elastic limit ~~and when~~ for preventing the catch members from returning to their original position and for preventing the movability of the members relative to each other when the catch members are moved

far enough to cause the catch members to exceed the elastic limit, ~~the catch members do not return to their original position, preventing the movability of the members relative to each other.~~

18. (new) The catch assembly according to claim 3, wherein the catch members comprise a material having a Young's modulus of at least  $62\text{GNm}^{-2}$  ( $9 \times 10^6$  psi).

19. (new) The catch assembly according to claim 18, wherein the catch members comprise a material having a Young's modulus of at least  $103\text{GNm}^{-2}$  ( $15 \times 10^6$  psi).

20. (new) The catch assembly according to claim 19, wherein the catch members comprise a material having a Young's modulus of at least  $138\text{GNm}^{-2}$  ( $20 \times 10^6$  psi).